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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2007.

The rejection of claims 1 - 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naruse (JP 411016269A) further in view of Uehigashi (JP 2002-230795A), is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

At the outset, applicants note that the present invention is directed to an optical disk drive apparatus and method for reading out information from an optical disk having a plural number of information recording layers made up in a direction of rotation axis thereof, wherein a memory is configured to memorize the information